

## Artist Residency Program: Handbook Quality Residency Benefits

## Organizations that participate in Artist Residencies can provoke numerous benefits.

By its very definition, an artist residency provides an in-depth, substantial experience in the arts for the entire host community as opposed to a singular performance. A single performance fails to customize the art to the particular needs of the community and fails to provide hands-on experience. People learn best by having first-hand experience over an extended period.

Studies have shown a significant correlation to arts education and student achievement, including behavioral, intellectual, and practical outcomes (Critical Evidence, 2006). For example, through arts experiences, students:

- Score higher on SATs and other standardized tests;
- Develop beneficial work habits (speaking and writing well, "seeing" the whole
  as well as the parts, dealing with complexity and ambiguity, enhancing reading,
  math, and reasoning skills, and strengthening the capacity for sound judgment);
- Build confidence and self-esteem;
- Aspire to achieve, to improve, to perfect;
- Learn to accept individual and group responsibility, develop a sense of belonging and contributing to a community;
- Discover the integrity of cultures different from their own;
- Develop insight, imagination, and their multiple intelligences (linguistic, logical/mathematical, existential, musical, spatial, bodily/kinesthetic, naturalistic, interpersonal, and intrapersonal);

Another benefit of an artist residency is that it is custom designed to meet the needs of your school. The site and artist collaborate to develop and implement a residency plan tailored to your needs, your learning objectives, and your school's unique interests. **The residency provides a mechanism to meet Pennsylvania educational requirements for the arts and humanities** (new standards require every student to have planned instruction in arts, music, dance, theatre, and humanities.) And inevitably, artist residencies generate a spirit of renewal throughout the school community.

Finally, educators have the opportunity to earn ACT 48 credits. They are able to focus on their practical professional needs in a creative, applied context.

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